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Some say he's crazy, and he shouldn't do it. Some say he has the talent to make it. Jason Thomas, an amateur boxer, said he just wants to get some sleep.

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Kindle flies to Omaha to await transplant



Kindle

By Jaime Walker
STAFF REPORTER

Robbyn Kindle is one step closer to the liver and small bowel transplant she needs to survive.

Monday afternoon, Kindle and her parents boarded a Lifeguard Aeromed Inc. flight bound for Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, where the operation must be performed.

However, Kindle's doctor, Tim Ritter, said there is still a long road ahead. The decision to transport her was made over the weekend when her condition wors-

ened, he said.

"We kept her here (at Baylor Medical Center) as long as we could, but she needs to be there now," Ritter said. "We want Robbyn to be in Omaha as soon as organs are available."

At 9 a.m. Monday hospital officials contacted Pat and Bill Scott of Lifeguard Aeromed Inc. who began making preparations to fly the TCU senior from Meecham Field to Eppley Field in Omaha, Neb.

By 12:30 p.m., Kindle and her parents were in the air on their way to Nebraska

to continue their battle for Kindle's life.

"The trip went extremely well," said pilot Bill Scott. "Robbyn and her family seemed tired, but I think they were relieved to get this part out of the way."

Pat Scott, co-owner of Lifeguard Aeromed, said Kindle was transported on a citation jet which is as fully equipped as a hospital.

"Our jets are like flying ICUs," she said. "A paramedic and a nurse are also on board. We wouldn't have let anything happen to Robbyn."

Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs,

William Koehler said TCU ordered the plane for Kindle as part of the university-wide support efforts a few weeks ago.

"It is my understanding her condition is deteriorating quickly," he said. "Our pilot has been working with a couple of these flight companies so when we got word (she needed to leave) we acted."

Ritter said there were a variety of reasons why it is better for Kindle to continue waiting for the transplant in Nebraska.

"Robbyn was getting discouraged,

and we hoped that this would give her some hope," he said. "Robbyn will also probably be moved up on the list because she is there. Now, she is at the top."

Evelyn Roberts, an instructor in nutrition and dietetics who has grown close to Kindle and her family, said doctors have been encouraging Kindle to make the trip for several weeks. She was apprehensive because she did not want to leave her support system of family and friends.

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Funds attempt to add diversity

Scholarship program targets local schools

By Victor Drabicky
and Reagan Duplisea
STAFF REPORTERS

Students at four local high schools will receive scholarship funds in an effort to increase TCU's minority enrollment and provide opportunities for local students, officials announced Friday.

Diamond Hill-Jarvis, Northside and O.D. Wyatt in Fort Worth and Sam Houston in Arlington have been designated to receive scholarships.

Chancellor Michael Ferrari said the schools were chosen because they are minority-dominated.

"The scholarship program is designed to provide increased opportunities to students in these schools which are highly populated with students of color," Ferrari said. "It's not a minority scholarship program. It's a scholarship program with selected schools that are highly minority."

Brenda Gomez, president of the Organization of Latin American Students, said other schools may have benefited as well.

"There are other schools that have minorities," Gomez said. "But I think these are the schools with the most need because they are low-income school districts."

TCU's minority student enrollment is about 12.4 percent, according to the Fall 1999 Fact Book. The scholarship will be awarded to students from the four schools who apply to TCU and meet admissions requirements. The awards will be based on the needs of the students, and the amount will vary for each, Ferrari said.

"Too often financial considerations prevent students from attending private universities," Ferrari said.

The scholarships are being funded by private donations set up in an endowment and will not affect

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CHARITABLE PERFORMANCE



Kruti Patel, a participant in Saturday's Experience India, performs a classical Indian dance. Experience India was sponsored by Students for Asian Indian Cultural Awareness and raised money for a charity in India.

Jimmy Nam/SKIFF STAFF

HOW DO WE REALLY FEEL?

insensitivity ignorance joking racism

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series of articles that focuses on Black History Month. The majority of the first installment presented the perspective of white students and faculty. This installment of the series focuses on the perspective of black students and faculty. Our intent is to explore this issue in an open forum in order to encourage dialogue on the issue.

Explanations vary on issue of black, white interaction

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

Eight children with different skin colors will play together in a sandbox without pondering why another child's skin is different, said Jason Howard, a junior computer science major. Yet at TCU, eight students with different skin colors will rarely sit together on the same side of The Main.

Students and faculty offered different explanations, varying from insensitivity to ignorance to racism, as to why the interaction level between blacks and whites is so low.

Carol Thompson, chairwoman of the sociology department, said people usually develop the ability to put abstract things together in the late stages of cognitive development between the ages of 12 and 15.

"When children grow up in a stable environment, they usually don't see racism and sexism," she said. "As children develop, they start to make a connection that tells

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Awareness is responsibility of all, some officials say

By Tara Pope
COPY DESK CHIEF

The campus as a whole didn't do an adequate job of promoting Black History Month, said Cornell Thomas, Special Assistant to the Chancellor For Diversity and Community.

"It is a shame," Thomas said. "It is really sad. We don't even do a good job of accommodating difference at this point. But the good thing is, primarily because of the Chancellor and his leadership, that will definitely change."

The question is not who is responsible but what the roles of the faculty, staff and students are in promoting Black History Month and raising awareness of diversity issues, several faculty and staff members said.

"I think all of us, as human beings, should play active roles in acknowledging, challenging and erasing racism and bigotry in our society and in the world," said Joanne Green, assistant professor of political science. "It is not

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CELEBRATION OF IMAGINATION



Jennifer Klein/SKIFF STAFF

Carrie Messinger, a junior speech communication major, aids Sericia Jackson, a 12-year-old from Austin, in creating a piece of art at the Imagination Celebration held this past weekend. Over 600 deaf children and teens attended this event.

Two retired Brite Divinity professors die

William D. Hall remembered for concern for immigrants, concept of equal justice

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

William D. Hall, an emeritus professor of missions, died early Monday morning at the age of 85. He had been suffering from heart problems.

Hall became an associate professor of Missions and History of Religions at Brite Divinity School in 1956, where he taught until 1980. He graduated from the University of Illinois with a bachelor's of science in education in 1936 and received a bachelor's of divinity from Yale Divinity School in 1941.

Bruce Hall, son of William Hall, said his father was always concerned about accomplishing the next task.

"He was very, very energized by politics and the concept of equal justice," he said.

His father also thrived on teaching, he said.

"He was one of the more popular teachers at Brite," said Bruce Hall.

William Hall and his wife, Mary Lu Hall, were missionaries in India from 1945 to 1952.

James Duke, a professor of

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Hall



Suggs

M. Jack Suggs leaves behind distinguished contributions; was model for excellence

By Priya Abraham
STAFF REPORTER

M. Jack Suggs, emeritus dean and professor of the New Testament at Brite Divinity School, died Sunday night from liver cancer.

Suggs served as dean of the school from 1977 to 1989. He first came to TCU as an assistant professor of the New Testament in 1952.

"He had a deep commitment to students and excellence, and he modeled that for all of us," said Toni Craven, professor of Hebrew Bible and director of the Ph.D. program. "He was nicknamed 'The Bear' (by his students)."

Craven said Suggs' most distinguished contributions were introducing female faculty to the Brite Divinity School and building its endowment and student scholarship funds.

"He's been one of the three most important people in my life," Craven said. "I think he was a much-appreciated colleague."

Suggs was ordained a minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in 1948 and graduated with a bachelor's of divinity from TCU the following year. He earned a doctorate

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PULSE

CAMPUS LINES

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■ **TCU in London summer abroad program students** - There will be an important informational meeting 5 to 6 p.m. today in the Faculty Center in Reed Hall, Room 214. Please make every effort to attend.

■ **Minority Leadership Banquet** tickets are \$15 and on sale until March 20 in the Student Center. No tickets will be sold at the door. The banquet will be 6:30 p.m. April 14 at the Ramada Plaza downtown. For more information, call Student Development Services at 257-7855.

■ **Volunteers** (students, faculty and staff) are needed to join the Meals on Wheels delivery team. Meals are delivered to homebound elderly each Thursday morning between 10 and 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Bea Nealy at 257-7830.

■ **Dave Kuhne will conduct a grammar, spelling and punctuation review** 3 p.m. today in the Rickel, Room 100 for journalism students planning to take the GSP in March. All students must pass the GSP exam before officially being journalism majors or minors.

■ **For fans of music and fun:** Tap Dogs tickets are on sale for their performance today at Bass Hall. The group is a renowned Australian male dance troop, and tickets are available at the discounted price of \$20 each in the Programming Council office. Contact Amanda Knecht in the PC office for more information.

■ **Programming Council's Homecoming** committee will be accepting applications for sub-chairs. Leaders are needed for the following committees: decorations, entertainment, fashion show, publicity, parade/rally, carnival and Frog Follies. Applications are due by 5 p.m. March 3. Please remember to sign up for an interview time. For more information, contact Chelsea Hudson at 257-4356.

■ **Fall 2000 juniors:** Air Force ROTC is now beginning its STAR (Students To Attend ROTC) search for the Fall 2000 semester. Under the STAR program, you can join the Air Force ROTC program and be commissioned as an Air Force officer in just two short years. For more information, call Capt. Aleman at 257-7461.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

WORLD

Rightist leader resigns as head of Austrian Freedom Party, remains governor of Carinthia

VIENNA, Austria — Right-wing leader Joerg Haider, criticized for his anti-foreigner statements and past praise of some Nazi-era policies, resigned as head of the Freedom Party Monday in an apparent bid to end Austria's international ostracism following his party's rise to power.

Haider, 50, made the announcement at a closed-door meeting of his party's national leadership at a hotel in downtown Vienna.

Haider remains governor of Carinthia province and insisted that his decision does not mean he is retiring from national politics.

Although Haider holds no post in the national government, his controversial image and his iron-hand control of the Freedom Party made him the most visible member of the Austrian political establishment, eclipsing his coalition partners, the center-right Austrian People's Party of Chancellor Wolfgang Schuessel. The Freedom Party remains a member of the ruling coalition.

"I want to avoid our ministers having to face the claim that they must refer every decision to the shadow chancellor in Carinthia," Haider told reporters. "The Freedom Party ministers are not puppets."

Haider will be succeeded as party chief by his trusted lieutenant, Vice Chancellor Susanne Riess-Passer, 39. She told reporters she had not wanted Haider to step aside, but she said she respects his decision.

The Austria Press Agency said Haider told the party leadership meeting that he was stepping down because he did not want "to stand in the way" of the work of the new government.

The 14 other European Union members have downgraded relations with Austria because of the presence of Haider's party in the government which took office Feb. 4. The outrage was based on Haider's anti-immigrant stand and his past praise of veterans of the murderous Waffen SS and Adolf Hitler's "orderly" employment policies.

NATION

Four officers in Diallo case say they want normal life after being acquitted of murder

NEW YORK — The four police officers cleared of murdering Amadou Diallo still face a departmental review that could keep them from ever returning to the streets.

The officers, who were acquitted on Friday, are all "decompressing" and have not yet decided whether they will seek to return to full duty, their lawyers said Monday.

The officers — Kenneth Boss, Sean Carroll, Edward McMellon and Richard Murphy — re-

main on modified duty, meaning they are assigned to desk jobs and their badges and guns, have been taken away.

They face possible federal civil rights charges as well as a departmental review by a board that is looking at such issues as whether the officers properly identified themselves, stopped Diallo properly and fired only when they thought force was necessary.

It could be months before Police Commissioner Howard Safir considers restoring the officers to full duty or pursuing disciplinary action that could include dismissal.

The officers fired 41 bullets at Diallo in the vestibule of his Bronx apartment building, mistakenly thinking the wallet he was holding was a gun.

For now, Carroll is "reflecting and he is trying to decompress," said John Patten, his attorney. "I just told him chill out, stay calm, be at peace. He needs to make his thought process become a little clearer first."

Attorneys for the three other officers said the same thing.

"He really wants his 15 minutes to be up and he wants to fade back and live his life," said Boss's attorney, Steven Brounstein.

If they do return to duty, will they be able to do their jobs? Maybe, say criminologists.

"They may really want to go back to police work and now that they've been acquitted, feel they have a right to do so," said Geoffrey Alpert, a criminal justice professor at the University of South Carolina. "But rightfully or wrongfully, they've killed someone. They should go through some serious psychological testing to see if they're fit for duty."

Clinton administration unveils strategy to uncover corporate tax shelter schemes

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration unveiled a comprehensive strategy Monday to attack abusive corporate tax shelters, including increased disclosure requirements to make it easier for government auditors to track down illegal schemes.

Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said all the actions were designed to address "what may be the most serious compliance issue threatening the American tax system today."

The Treasury Department has estimated that the rapidly proliferating corporate shelters are costing the government \$10 billion annually in lost revenue. Corporate tax shelters are complex plans developed by tax accountants and lawyers and sold to companies looking for ways to avoid paying taxes.

"We must ... draw the line at the pursuit of engineered transactions that are devoid of economic substance," Summers said in a speech laying out his proposals to the Federal Bar Association.

"These transactions have no goal other than to reduce a corporation's tax liabilities. In doing so, they undermine the integrity of the tax system," Summers said.

Summers said the Treasury and Internal Rev-

enue Service would put into effect immediately three new regulations designed to "bring more corporate shelters into the open" by requiring greater disclosure.

The new rules will require companies to disclose to the IRS any transactions that would significantly reduce their tax liabilities. Companies would have to attach statements to their tax returns providing information on any transactions that had various characteristics of tax shelters.

These characteristics would include paying fees of more than \$100,000 to the promoter of a shelter.

Promoters of such schemes will have to disclose the transactions to the IRS if their programs have a "significant purpose" of tax avoidance and are offered under conditions of confidentiality and carry promoter fees above \$100,000.

STATE

Baptist pastors talk of changing from moderate to conservative-controlled group

PLANO — Baptist pastors from across the state met in North Texas Monday to consider pulling their churches from the moderate-controlled Baptist General Convention of Texas and joining a breakaway conservative group.

No vote was taken Monday, but the pastors from 30 churches talked about how many feel their convention had adopted policies too different from the fundamental core of the national organization, the 15.7 million-member Southern Baptist Convention. Some are considering joining the Southern Baptists of Texas.

"We just got together to pray together, to talk together, to council one another, to view our options," Jack Graham, pastor of Prestonwood Baptist Church, told Dallas' WFAA-TV. Prestonwood, located in Plano, a suburb of Dallas, is where the meeting was held.

Tension between the conservatives and moderates has been growing. Among their complaints, conservatives claim the Baptist General Convention hasn't taken strong-enough stands against abortion and homosexuality.

Rev. Miles Seaborn of Fort Worth, who was the first president of the Southern Baptists of Texas when it split from the moderate group formed in 1998, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram over the weekend that Graham and the other pastors planned to talk about joining his group.

He declined to release further details about a possible change in church could be a second major victory for the Irving-based conservative group, which has support from about 300 churches.

Last November, the 12,000-member First Baptist Church of Dallas voted to send most of its money to the Southern Baptists of Texas but remain dually aligned with the Baptist General Convention of Texas by contributing a small amount to the moderate group.

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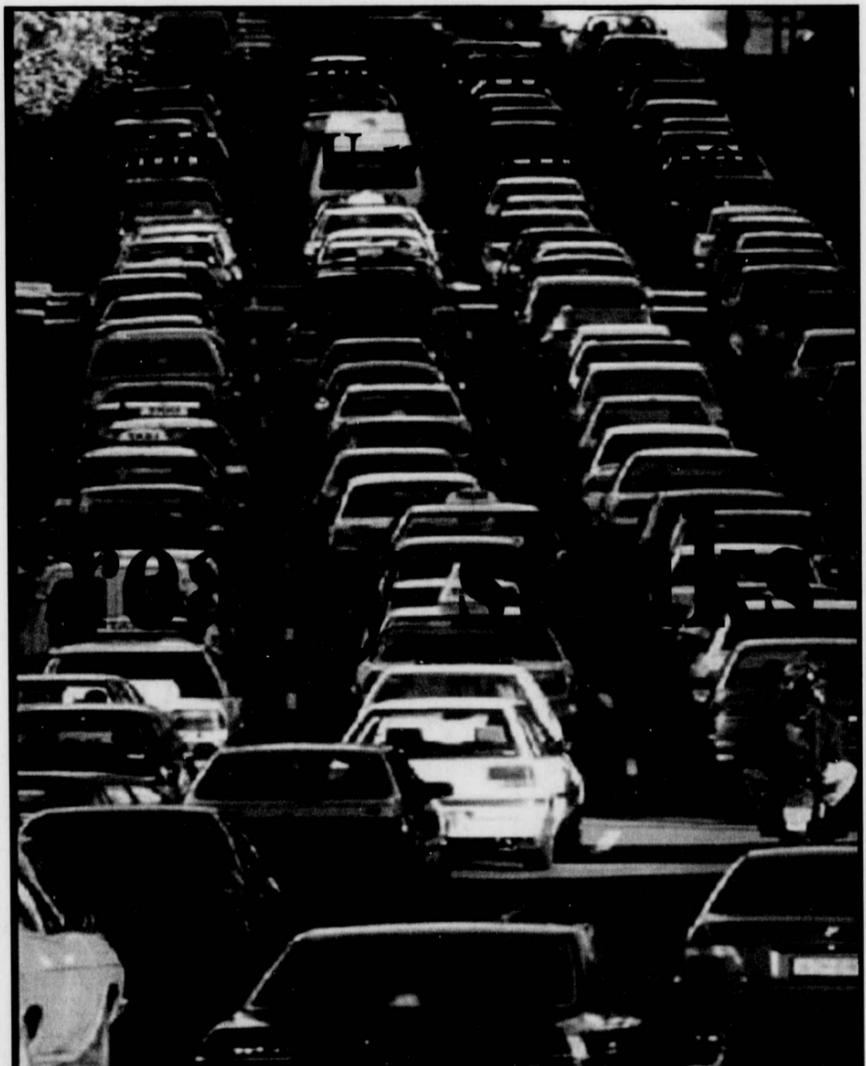
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STAFF editorial

OPENING DOORS

Scholarships help recruit local students

To many Fort Worth high school students, particularly those attending schools with a predominant minority population, TCU couldn't be further away.

Diamond-Hill Jarvis, Northside, O.D. Wyatt in Fort Worth and Sam Houston in Arlington are all within a 30-minute drive from the campus, but the obstacles preventing many of their college-bound students from making TCU their "home team" are more than roadblocks.

The lack of financial means to attend a school with an average tuition of \$18,000 a year, coupled with a reputation for being less-than inviting to minority students (one need only look at the front page of last Friday's *Skiff* for students reactions to celebrating Black History Month), has left TCU's administration searching for ways to extend a hand to those interested in becoming Horned Frogs.

This latest effort looks to be the most promising.

TCU officials announced Friday that students at those four Tarrant County high schools will be eligible for 15 scholarships, with the intention of increasing a minority enrollment that is little more than 12 percent.

The scholarships are being funded by private donations set up in an endowment and will be awarded to students from the four schools who apply to TCU and meet admissions requirements.

"Too often financial considerations prevent students from attending private universities," Chancellor Michael Ferrari said. "The scholarship program is designed to provide increased opportunities to students in these schools which are highly populated with students of color."

And maybe the 30-minute drive won't seem so far away in the future.

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Hope for community not lost

Despite divisions, university comes together for common good

There is a word, which represents more of a concept, on which I have been thinking about these last few weeks.

Before revealing the word, I'd like to preface my argument with a hope. Hopes are not imaginary things, but rather life-lines to our most basic and good human ideals. I have a hope that these words are not heard in vain and are not simply given thought but decisive action.

Commentary



MATT COLGLAZIER

The word which I have been pondering is "community."

Like hopes, a community is not imaginary. There are many communities on campus which go about their specific business week to week, semester to semester exercising their group hopes and aspirations. How many times, however, are these groups aiming to create community as a whole here at TCU?

In a past article I used the ex-

pression, "singularity of discontent," to define the attitude of most students toward the school community in general. Now I would like to further elaborate on how to solve such a convention through action and definition.

First, the TCU community is so fragmented into different factions of people, that my definition of it is also broken. We have the Greeks, who seem to hope for their own good and their specific community charity, but who never relate to the student body as a whole. We have religious groups on campus, who reach out in small amounts to the campus but generally stay confined to the business of their members. The list could go on, but I'll stay brief in my examples.

The TCU community is in essence a dying animal. Being a Horned Frog is nothing to be proud of unless behind such a statement are programs and community events which reach out. It's disheartening to hear of freshmen who drop out or are in despair because they did not get into the fraternity or sorority they wanted. It's a terrible thing when hundreds of students think about transferring to larger state schools or going home

because they have not found their niche here. We talk about diversity, but really nobody feels TCU is a diverse campus.

These are the problems that we face. It's terrible to feel as if our campus is not one living breathing organism but rather a snapshot of sterility and divisiveness which affects every aspect of our accomplishments.

There is hope, however. I saw an example of this last week pertaining to the incident with one of our students who was in desperate need of money in order to receive a swift organ transplant. Seeing students, Greek and non-Greek, involved and uninvolved, come together to fight for the life of one student was beautiful. This action showed how starving we are to get along, to care about something other than our fractured organizations and limited definitions of self. For a week this entire campus transcended itself and took decisive action to change somebody's life, but in return we saw a glimpse of the life possible here at TCU.

This moment of action is the hope upon which I write this article. It is a hope that we can begin to form a community here that transcends our smaller organizations and petty self-

serving actions. Is it possible to start cutting the lines of division which seem to keep this school in constant mediocrity?

Professors, students and administrators all have a heavy task ahead of them. We must build a community which serves the soul of something higher.

Our pursuits of the rational knowledge of history, language, math and art must be tempered by real experience of a human community which cannot be photographed and put on our Web site like joy pornography. It's something we came here to find, but now we face the challenge of creating it.

Higher institutions are founded on values which rise above the everyday business of tests and papers, politics and money. These values we must cherish and ask each other, today, this hour, what we are going to do, and who we want to become. So I ask you, "What kind of community do you want to build, and how will you take action to build it?"

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Lack of third party on ballots leads to pseudo-democracy

Americans must combat, with all available resources, every attempt to suppress absolute democracy. We must fight for democracy on every front, for if we refuse to fight then we in effect give up the little citizen power that remains in our current pseudo-democratic "Republicrat" system.

Recall last week, the *Skiff*

printed an editorial urging students to register to vote absentee for the upcoming Texas primaries. With all due respect, I am going to have to object to that editorial.

You see, Texas is peculiar in that it is virtually impossible for a third party to be included on the November ballot. Every third party in Texas faces a formidable obstacle to having its slate of candidates listed on the ballot. It must petition for inclusion, and Texas boasts one of the most restrictive sets of requirements in the United States.

Under Texas state law, a third party has 75 days following the primary election on March 15 to garner 40,000 valid signatures of

registered voters WHO DID NOT VOTE in the primary. By casting your vote in the primary, you are suppressing true, unabridged democracy by eliminating your chance to support the efforts of a third party.

A bi-partisan political system is nothing more than pseudo-democracy, with voters given only three choices: Vote for either of the two major party candidates (who may or may not address issues a voter deems important) or do not vote at all.

Judging by the huge chunk of voters who have chosen to not vote in recent elections, it seems that many citizens have become alienated by the hopelessness of

"Republicrat" politics, and have simply given up their power to have a say in their representation.

It is obvious that Americans are prime for a new choice, a choice that reflects their values and opinions, a choice that is different. So why have we not seen the rise of a powerful third party to reflect the values of those Americans who are not voting?

Well, in the case of the grand old state of Texas, the answer is obvious in its simplicity. The answer lies in the system itself.

So what can we, as citizens, do? It seems as if the powers that be may have us up against a wall. I have a suggestion, take it or leave it. Ban the primaries.

Following the primaries you will notice several petitions floating around Texas. These petitions will be in support of a new party, a viable alternative to the Republicrat Party. The Green Party of Texas is here.

Established in March of 1999, the Green Party of Texas emphasizes ecological concerns, social justice, grassroots democracy, non-violence, decentralization, community-based economics, feminist values, respect for diversity, personal and global responsibility and a progressive focus on the future. The Green Party envisions a society where the concerns of the seventh generation to come are considered equal to the con-

cerns of the present generation.

Sound interesting? Well, there is much more. The Green Party is an international political body with established parties in 76 different countries. The Greens are also established in the United States, with 73 Greens holding elected office in 19 different states today. A Green vote is not a wasted vote!

Ban the primaries and sign to have the Green Party included on the 2000 ballot. Vote Green and overgrow the government!

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Have open minds with homosexuals; don't believe stereotypes

I do not have "gay-dar." This is the purported ability to identify a gay or lesbian individual on sight. There appears to be no useful value in prejudging anyone, so I don't think I need this ability.

Gay-dar (obviously a play on the word radar) was introduced into my vocabulary by a faculty member. She claimed most people can identify gays and lesbians just by looking at them. I would like to believe that most gays would like to blend

into society, be treated equally and live a normal and happy life with someone they love.

People of different sexual orientations deserve equal treatment. In most cases, unless one possesses this special gift of gay-dar, it would be difficult to stereotype or identify gays and lesbians by any outward trait.

Gays look and act like everyone else in society. They shop, go to movies and enjoy the freedom we all enjoy.

Both my wife and I have childhood friends who are gay. When we were young, there was no outward appearance that they had sexual orientations other than ours.

My college roommate when I was an undergraduate at TCU was gay. I had no clue at the time. He is active in the movements to pro-

vide universal rights for all domestic partners and is active in an AIDS ministry.

I was thinking about this topic recently when I read an article on hiring gays in the *Wall Street Journal*. The headline read "On Wall Street, A New Push to Recruit Gay Students." We should give kudos to BankAmerica

Corporation, Merrill Lynch and other American companies who have non-discrimination policies on sexual orientation. These big corporations also provide benefits to domestic partners and have gone so far as to hold seminars guiding gays and lesbians in writing their résumés and preparing

for job interviews. These corporations are making a proactive effort to moderate workplace hostility.

In the *Wall Street Journal* article, a representative at J.P. Morgan, a large financial company, is quoted as saying

"It makes good sense for us (to hire gays). We're trying to get talent wherever we can find it." I would like to believe the

big corporations have these nondiscrimination policies because they are saying that they want talented people and being gay has no bearing on talent.

My home is in Colorado, a place perceived to be an extremely hostile place for gays and lesbians. I witnessed a battle several years

ago when preferential rights were denied to them.

The anti-gay movement is led by strong practicing Christians who call themselves Coloradoans for Family Values. A few years ago they supported a ballot initiative that would have prohibited communities from passing local legislation allowing anti-discrimination statutes favoring gays. In several communities in Colorado, it is illegal to discriminate against gays. CFV sought to overturn those laws. The Colorado voters approved the ballot initiative. The United States Supreme Court ruled it unconstitutional. CFV did not give up the fight and has petitioned unsuccessfully for ballot initiatives in each of the last two elections.

The most disturbing thing about

the political campaign of Coloradoans for Family Values is that the members portrayed gays as misfits. They took pictures of some outlandish behavior in San Francisco parades and presented it as representative of gays. They were very negative stereotypes.

Homosexuality is not a sign of deviance.

I know I am treading on sacred ground even discussing these issues. My Bible tells me that I am called to love others. On the issue of homosexuality I am not condemning nor condoning. I simply accept and love others unconditionally.

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House to debate resolution concerning safety of IP address

Student House of Representatives will debate a resolution today concerning the safety of students' Internet Protocol addresses. An IP address is a number given to a computer to allow the computer's server to access information the user is requesting.

The current IP addresses are permanently issued to students who use on-campus computers. This use of permanent IP addresses allows hackers easier access to personal computers.

The resolution states that Information Services should provide random IP addresses to all students with a TCU dial-up connection. Currently faculty members are the only ones that are provided random IP addresses every time they go on-line.

The resolution also addresses TCU's current Internet connection. TCU provides students with a T1 connection. The current capacity is saturated, making it hard for students, faculty and administration to access the Internet, according to an information systems campus-wide e-mail on Feb. 18.

The bill proposes that Information Systems provide a T2 connection that will allow TCU students to access the Web faster and more efficiently.

This bill was tabled last week after a debate between some House members. Some members stated that the commuter students incur a fee even though they do not have dial-up access availability at their residence.

House meetings are held at 5 p.m. every Tuesday in Student Center, Room 222.

Schedule of events for International Week

Monday	■ 12 p.m. Opening Ceremony, Student Center Lounge	■ 1 p.m. Cultural Exhibit, Student Center Lounge	Showing "Tampopo," Sid W. Richardson Lecture Hall 1		
Tuesday	■ 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Cultural Exhibit and Auction, Student Center Lounge		Thursday	■ 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Taste of the World, Student Center Lounge	
Wednesday	■ 12 p.m. Chapel Service, Robert Carr Chapel	■ 5 p.m. Scream Night, Student Center Roof	■ 8 p.m. Japanese Movie	Friday	■ 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Music Festival and Karaoke Competition, Student Center Lounge
				Saturday	■ 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Banquet, Talent Show, and Fashion Show, Student Center Ballroom

Adams argues to stop suspension of Northern Ireland administration

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Britain has no reason to continue the suspension of Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic administration, Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams said today as political leaders renewed their search for a way out of the impasse.

At a meeting with the British government's senior official in the province, Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Mandelson, Adams urged Britain to immediately restore powers to the 12-member Cabinet, which includes two members of the Irish Republican Army-allied Sinn Fein party.

The Sinn Fein leader said the context in which Mandelson had so-called direct rule on Feb. 11 — a threatened walkout by the Cabinet's Protestant leader, David Trimble, and his Ulster Unionist colleagues — no longer existed.

After 1 1/2 hours with Mandelson, Adams and his colleagues came away empty-handed.

"We still have no indication whatsoever that he is going to restore those institutions or when that would happen," Adams said.

—Bairbre de Brun, Sinn Fein's minister for health

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the financial aid amount available to other students.

Norma Chambers, a counselor at Northside High School, said the funds will give students more opportunities.

"I have filled out many recommendations for students wanting to attend TCU," Chambers said. "However, most of them were going to live off campus because they could not afford to live on campus, but the scholarships will let them live in the dorms."

Chambers said since Northside is almost 99 percent minority, many students may benefit.

"We should have about 45 students that will qualify for the scholarship based on test scores alone," Chambers said.

Ferrari said the scholarship plan has been in the works for

quite a while.

"This is something that I have wanted to do since I got here," Ferrari said. "The admissions office and the Chancellor's Council on Diversity have been dedicating a lot of time in developing a better relationship with community schools and urban education."

Chambers said she has been excited about the scholarship program ever since she first heard of it back in January.

"The chancellor invited the principal and I along with representatives from other schools to a breakfast in January," Chambers said. "TCU will benefit because having more minority leaders will help to attract other minorities to the school."

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history of Christianity, said William Hall was always a friend to students.

"He was a person who cared for the entire world and his next-door neighbor," said Duke.

David Balch, a professor of New Testament, said William Hall was a determined advocate of immigrants and the poor in Fort Worth.

"He was sort of an outsider who advocated for other outsiders," he said.

After his retirement, William Hall was involved in a number of charities, including Bread for the World and South Side Area Ministries.

William Hall is survived by his wife and three children. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday at the United Christian Church.

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from Duke University in 1954. Suggs became a TCU Distinguished Alumnus in 1973.

David Balch, a professor of New Testament, said Suggs was an internationally renowned scholar of the Gospel of Matthew.

"Brite is becoming a great school because of his actions and influences," he said. "Half the faculty came here when he was dean."

Jim Bob Suggs, son of the former dean, said his father struggled between being an "old bear" to his students and desiring to minister to them. His father instilled principles in him that have lasted to the present, he said.

"To the extent that I have discipline, to the extent that I have conviction, it is because of him," he said.

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Personal income increases by 0.7%

Income growth marks the steepest increase in spending since 1998

By Jeannine Aversa
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Americans' incomes went up faster than their spending did last month, the first time that's happened since October. Now with extra cash in their pockets, consumers are expected to spend briskly in the months ahead, economists said.

Personal income, which includes wages, interest and government benefits, increased by a sizable and expected 0.7 percent in January, the Commerce Department said Monday.

A number of factors boosted income including cost-of-living adjustments to Social Security payments and other government benefits programs, pay raises for federal workers and military personnel and federal subsidy payments to farmers, the government said.

Still, excluding these factors, incomes grew by 0.6 percent, suggesting that Americans, posting strong income gains, started the new year off on solid footing.

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of all economic activity and is powering the red-hot growth in the U.S. economy, rose by a brisk 0.5 percent last month — slightly stronger than the gain many analysts were forecasting.

"Income growth is providing a significant thrust for consumer spending," said Lynn Reaser, chief economist for the Bank of America Asset Management Group.

In January, wages grew by a sharp 0.8 percent, following a 0.7 percent gain the month before. And farm proprietors' income rose by 1.3 percent in January after a big plunge.

"Consumers will spend briskly going forward," Reaser predicted, provided there's not a sustained downturn in the stock market, which has been volatile in recent sessions. On Friday, the Dow Jones plunged sharply closing below 10,000 for the first time in 10 months.

Stock market gains — in particular — along with plentiful jobs and rising incomes have made Americans feel wealthy and

in the mood to spend.

The Federal Reserve has increased interest rates four times since June to slow the economy and keep inflation under control. Given continuing strong growth, many analysts widely expect the Fed will boost rates again in March and said Monday's report showing robust consumer spending would justify such a move.

Despite fears of higher interest rates, the Dow, which soared more than 294 points in late afternoon trading, closed up 176.53 points at 10,038.65 as bargain hunters grabbed shares at reduced prices after last week's big sell off.

Although the Fed's actions made borrowing more expensive for consumers and businesses, they haven't significantly slowed the economy, which grew at a breakneck 6.9 percent annual rate in the last three months of 1999.

"There are no signs of any significant slowdown for consumer spending," said Merrill Lynch economist Stan Shipley. But economist Sandra Shaber of the WFA Group said a downturn in the stock market could convince some to temper their spending in the future.

With income growth outpacing the rise in spending, Americans' personal savings rate — savings as a percentage of after-tax income — rose to 1.4 percent in January, following a monthly record low of 1 percent in December.

But that's not as dire as it seems because the calculation doesn't take into account gains realized from such things as rising stocks and higher real estate values for homes.

In December, spending rose by 1.1 percent as Americans gave retailers their best holiday sales in years and as consumers stocked up on certain goods in anticipation of the Year 2000 computer rollover.

The 1.1 percent advance was more brisk than the government previously estimated and marked the steepest increase in spending since May 1998. At the same time, incomes grew by a modest 0.3 percent.

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University is walking slowly toward diversity

Race relations at TCU will continue to improve as we enter the 21st century. Faculty, staff and students have renewed their commitment to fostering diversity and increasing minority presence on campus.

The new vision and core values statement for TCU reflects these sentiments. Our vision is "to be a prominent private university recognized for our global perspective, our diverse and supportive learning community, our commitment to research and creative discovery and our emphasis on leadership development."

The core values statement goes on to say that "TCU values academic achievement, personal freedom and integrity, the dignity and respect of the individual, and a heritage of inclusiveness, tolerance and service."

Diversity, tolerance, freedom, inclusiveness, integrity. All of these elements are crucial to improvement of race relations at TCU. It's comforting that these often-quoted statements reflect a commitment to change. What's not so comforting is that change comes so slowly.

According to *U.S. News and World Report* rankings, TCU is not a diverse campus. The magazine's standards require that a university's minority population be greater than the national average of 17 percent in order to be considered diverse. These same rankings break down the racial/ethnic makeup of TCU.

African-American students represent four percent of the undergraduate population. Asian-Americans are two percent, Hispanics are six percent, Native Americans are one percent, international students are four percent and white students are 84 percent.

Yes, change comes slowly — but it will come. Changes and improvement will especially be made through the Chancellor's Diversity Council, the Office of Minority Affairs and the variety of cultural support groups on campus.

The Office of Minority Affairs has many programs devoted to such improvement including Connections: Diversity Institute and the Minority Council. The Diversity Institute offers an eight-week diversity training program which focuses on issues like cross cultural communications, race, prejudice and discrimination. The Minority Council addresses the specific concerns of minority students at TCU.

Additionally, various cultural support groups on campus work to make the TCU community more aware of minority issues in an effort to improve race relations.

Groups such as Legacy, the Organization of Latin American Students, Students for Asian Indian Cultural Awareness and the Asian Student Association work throughout the year to educate other students and increase overall awareness in the TCU community.

But improving race relations is not solely the responsibility of the aforementioned groups. Every member of the TCU community should play a part. One of the best ways for students to play a role is to take one of the many multicultural courses offered. There are over 40 different multicultural classes at TCU in a variety of different fields. These include African-American Literature, Ethnic Elements of American History, American Minority Groups and Asian Philosophy, just to name a few.

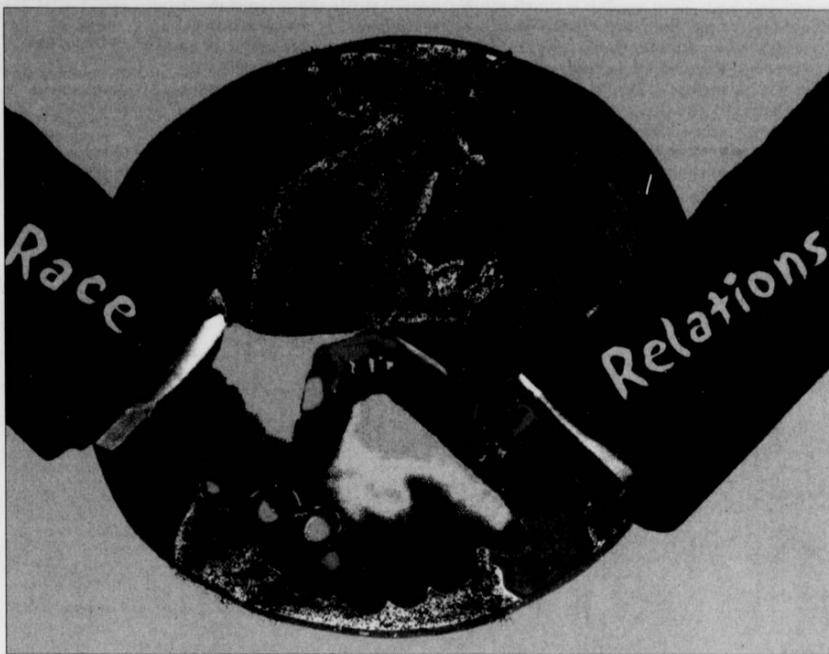
TCU is on the right track, no doubt about it. But there is no time for complacency. Only through the concerted effort of the entire TCU community will we be able to improve race relations and increase our minority population. We need to see both an increase in minority students and instructors. Only then will we have a campus more representative of the global community.

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Commentary



SARAH MULLEN MARTINEZ



insensitivity ignorance joking racism

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series of articles that focuses on Black History Month. The majority of the first installment presented the perspective of white students and faculty. This installment of the series focuses on the perspective of black students and faculty. Our intent is to explore this issue in an open forum in order to encourage dialogue on the issue.

This is what they said

"The difference between racism and ignorance is the level of consciousness involving what people say. If they are fairly informed, but make discriminatory remarks, they are probably racist."

-ISAAC WILLIAMS, junior radio-TV-film major

"These people are playing off of stereotypes, and historically, these things have hurt people."

-STEPHEN SHAW-NAAR, a junior piano performance major

"It is a shame. It is really sad, we don't even do a good job of accommodating difference at this point."

-CORNELL THOMAS, Special Assistant to the Chancellor For Diversity and Community

"I don't think it is just the faculty's responsibility, even in the classroom."

-DARRON TURNER, director of minority affairs

"I think all of us, as human beings, should play active roles in acknowledging, challenging and erasing racism and bigotry in our society and in the world."

-JOANNE GREEN, assistant professor of political science

Eyes should be opened to campus racial issues

If we close our eyes we're all the same color. If we do not see racism it does not exist. But just because the blind man cannot see the sun doesn't mean the sun does not exist. And just because we cannot see the racism doesn't mean it isn't real. The sun still warms the blind man and our racism still sparks hate, whether or not we choose to acknowledge it.

TCU is not exempt from the infectious illness of racism that we contract from our parents and hand down to our children. This became very clear in an article on race relations that ran last Friday. Clearly racist comments were made by several students. Their comments, however, were not shocking. What was truly surprising was the fact that they felt they could utter them — to a fellow student, to a reporter, to anyone — and not be terribly ashamed.

These students' comments suggest that the problem with racism on campus is not that it exists. Racism is everywhere. The problem with racism on campus is that it is not acknowledged as what it is — prejudice and bigotry.

Maybe no one is refused service in The Main and there are no crosses burning brightly on the steps of Sadler Hall. And perhaps there aren't separate restrooms on campus, some marked "white" and some marked "colored." But prejudice and racism do exist on campus.

They exist in our minds — in the fact that we sometimes catch ourselves saying "that honky," "that nigger" or "that spic." They exist in our ignorance — in the fact that we "know" nothing beyond the fact that the black guy listens to rap, plays basketball and eats fried chicken and the white guy listens to heavy metal and plays golf. And it exists in our humor — in the way we feel free to tell black jokes among our white friends and white jokes among our black friends.

For those who still believe race relations are not a major problem at TCU, walk into The Main at six o'clock. Under the laughter and gaiety of the dinner crowd, a less than subtle theme emerges — separate but equal. Here, Jim Crow once again boldly enters the scene. This time, however, he's invited and no one questions his presence.

It seems separate but equal is no longer seen as a problem in today's society. It has become an accepted and even preferred way of life as races mingle but do not touch.

We not only separate ourselves at the dinner table, however. Fraternities and sororities are a prime example of race separation. For instance, if you've ever walked past Worth Hills during rush you may have noticed a long line of sorority girls — all pretty, all dressed up, all white. And how many white people have you seen in the historically black fraternities and sororities on campus — the few there are. Chances are, you haven't seen one.

Racism is not merely a student issue, however. The administration which preaches diversity is also an administration lacking in minority faculty. I have been here for three years, had two majors and through it all, only one minority professor. That isn't the type of diversity we should want.

In the end, a university is not a place where we should be safe from having to acknowledge our prejudices. It is here where we should examine our ignorance, acknowledge our bigotry and begin to stamp them out.

Burying the problem won't kill it. Prejudice comes up through the cracks in the concrete in the quad. And all the diversity seminars and conferences we go to won't make it go away. Racism isn't something you can cure with a 12-step program. It is deeply ingrained into our unconscious and only a thorough examination of our own beliefs and talking about them with one another, can we begin to understand each other.

Yes, if we close our eyes we're all the same color. But if we don't make the effort to see what we're looking at, we will never be able to live in the light.

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Commentary



SHAVAHN DORRIS

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them where they fit in the world."

Isaac Williams, a junior radio-TV-film major, said how a person is raised has an impact on how he or she reacts to the different perspectives in the world.

"The difference between racism and ignorance is the level of consciousness involving what people say," he said. "If they are fairly informed, but make discriminatory remarks, they are probably racist."

"But you can also tell when people are just repeating things they learned from their parents."

Last week, three white students expressed how they were going to celebrate Black History Month:

"I'm going to KFC."

"Well, I play football with a black guy."

"I have relatives in Jasper."

Stephen Shaw-Naar, a junior piano performance major, said people often times intend to be humorous but end up being harmful.

"Some things are not understood to be offensive and are not meant to be," he said. "These people are playing off of stereotypes, and historically, these things have hurt people."

People get famous for making outrageous comments in the name of

laughter, Thompson said.

"We live in an irreverent culture," she said. "Sometimes people push the boundaries of what is comfortable for the mainstream."

"It is this irreverence that translates into inhumane behavior."

Thompson said interaction is the key to understanding other perspectives and ideas.

"We are all the same species," she said. "We all like to laugh, play, work; we have so much in common, but the overlay keeps us apart."

"We will never understand other people if we are not willing to become part of another culture. Separation is the biggest form of alienation."

But Williams said it is difficult not to be alienated on campus.

"TCU has to make an effort to get people from every category, in all demographics," he said. "As far as black-white diversity goes, I don't see many black people except for athletes."

Shaw-Naar said TCU is making an effort to diversify the campus, but events sponsored by minority groups are largely attended by other minorities. The people who could benefit from the interaction of other cultures aren't attending these events, he said.

"There have been recent improvements in diversity through the International Students Association and

other groups, but they don't receive the support of the general population," he said. "These strides for improvement are not reaching the people they need to, because the participants are already minorities."

Some white students said they do not participate in minority events or understand why there is Black Entertainment Television.

Williams said they are outlets to readily find positive images of people who have faced the same struggles and have succeeded.

"It is reassuring and comforting to be able to find people who have faced the same strife and still have found a way to make it," he said.

Shaw-Naar said the activities and programs that support minorities benefit everyone.

"Frankly, the playing field was originally unfair," he said. "It stands to reason that people can make up for the original events."

Shaw-Naar said the future will show the progress of these actions.

"The up-and-coming generations are more aware of other cultures," he said. "Time will continue to improve if we don't latch onto the past."

"We must think progressively, remembering the past, but moving on for the better."

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RESPONSE

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appropriate to examine who is primarily responsible to address these issues on campus — we all must address these issues in our lives. We all share the responsibility."

Thomas said, the role of the administration is to support students verbally and financially in exploring diversity issues.

"The way things are organized on this campus, students take the leadership in many of those areas," he said. "I think it is the administration's responsibility to make sure they have adequate funding for different things, but I also think that it is the students' responsibility to become a part of the organizational structure."

Faculty also have a responsibility to read this information and take it to the classroom and talk about the issues, Thomas said.

"Where does learning occur most often on this campus?" he said. "In the classroom, or it should. And so our professors need to step up and embrace these ideas and make sure that we're doing our job."

Don Mills, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the classroom is a place where issues can best be constructively addressed.

"Almost all academic subjects can

speak to the issues of racism and the benefits of a pluralistic society," Mills said.

Chairman of the religion department Daryl Schmidt said he was not aware of any university directive about Black History Month.

"As a new department chair, I am not aware of any instructions so I guess it was not university administration's initiative that the whole campus ought to be involved doing something in particular," Schmidt said. "The university is supportive, and encourages units at various levels — instructors, students, programming, Campus Life."

Schmidt said the classroom is one of the places diversity issues should be addressed, but he said it isn't only the professors' responsibility.

"I guess faculty would tend to point the finger back to the campus," Schmidt said. "I mean isn't our Greek system almost entirely still segregated?"

According to faculty members, some academic subjects are more open to discussion of diversity issues.

Green said, in political science classes, the racial component is inherent in many of the arguments.

Australia Tarver, associate professor of English, said she tries to discuss issues in diversity in an objective and nonaccusatory tone in her classes.

"When students make uninformed comments — the objective is to keep the commentator from feeling alienated," Tarver said. "And if it is a particularly shy student, I am very careful because I don't want to silence a student. It is only in free speech that we get certain issues addressed."

Director of Minority Affairs Darron Turner said while faculty certainly have a role in classroom discussions, students do too.

"There are faculty who address these issues year-round, not just during Black History Month," Turner said. "Whether that is happening across the board — probably not at the level we would like to see it happening."

"I don't think it is just the faculty's responsibility, even in the classroom. I think as students you have to engage yourselves in the conversation as well. Because it is part of the students' role also to help shape what they learn in the classroom."

The Rev. John Butler, minister to the university, said there are several ways the university is confronting racism.

The Chancellor's Diversity Council is taking seriously responses from a survey about attitudes toward diversity and developing action teams, Butler said.

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Lady Frogs extend losing streak to rival Mustangs

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Before the game against Southern Methodist University Sunday, the Lady Frogs basketball team took time to honor its seniors and parents.

In a fairy-tale setting, the emotion from such a ceremony would catapult TCU to an upset over SMU and put to rest an 18-game losing streak to the Lady Mustangs that dates back to 1991. SMU, which came in needing one win to clinch a tie for the Western Athletic Conference regular season title, spoiled the mood.

SMU beat the Lady Frogs 84-74 to extend the streak to 19, and has now won 15 of its last 16 games. "We had our chances in this

game," said sophomore guard Tricia Payne. "We missed our opportunities, but (SMU) was always able to come up with the big plays."

TCU trailed 32-29 at the half but took a 38-36 lead with 15 minutes remaining on a three-pointer by senior guard Diamond Jackson, who led the Lady Frogs in scoring with 18 points in her final appearance at Daniel-Meyer Coliseum.

"All of (Diamond's) shots were huge for TCU," SMU head coach Rhonda Rompola said. "She has been great for (TCU) all year and was a big reason why we could not put the game away."

SMU (18-6 overall, 11-1 in WAC play) responded after a time-out with a 16-4 run that put the

Mustangs up 52-42 with 10 minutes to play.

"(SMU) did not panic and did a great job of regrouping," TCU head coach Jeff Mittie said. "They put up five points right out of the time-out."

SMU senior forward Karlin Kennedy said the Mustangs just needed to calm down and keep their composure.

"At that point, there was still a lot of time left to play," Kennedy said. "We regrouped in the time-out to make sure there was no panic."

Rompola said she was grateful to come away with a win because the game could easily have gone the other way.

"Thank God for second halves,"

Rompola said. "I told our team at half-time that if we end up losing this game, it will be because we have not made our free-throws. Without (junior guard D-dra) Rucker hitting her free-throws, we were not very good."

Rucker led all scorers with 22 points, but was just 3 of 14 from the field. She did, however, hit all 14 attempts from the free-throw line and has made 44 in a row overall. Kennedy scored 19 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds including eight on the offensive glass.

Kennedy said it was not really one of her more dominating games.

"That is why (Kennedy) is one of the best in the conference," Mittie

said. "She did not have her best game in terms of playing with her back to the basket, but she is good enough that she can crash the boards and create chances for herself."

Three-point shooting has been one of the strong aspects of the Lady Frogs' offense. For the season, they had hit on 35 percent from behind the arc. But, against the Mustangs, TCU shot just 18 percent, hitting just 3 of 16 attempts. The SMU defense also forced the Lady Frogs into 24 turnovers.

"We had no answer for their defensive pressure," Mittie said. "We had too many turnovers and did not shoot well from three-point range. We could not get our shoot-

ers free for enough open looks."

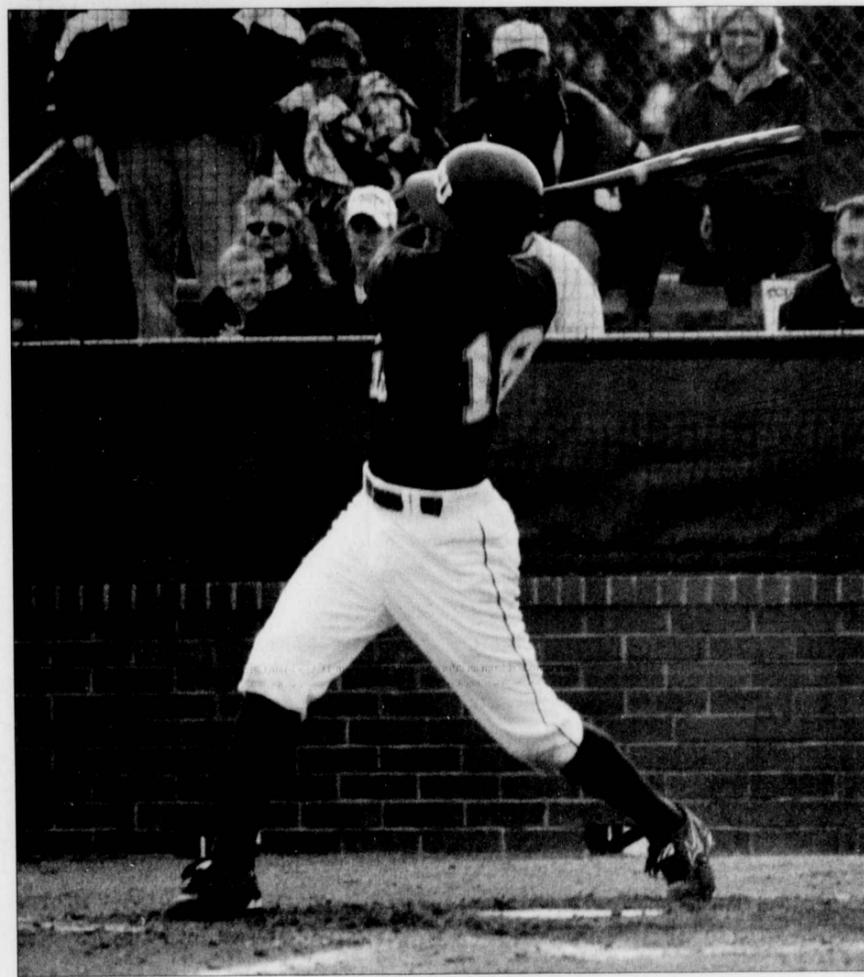
The Lady Frogs made one more run to get within five points with five minutes remaining, but Rucker scored 13 of SMU's final 19 points including eight of eight from the free-throw line to put the game away.

With the loss The Lady Frogs' had their three-game winning streak snapped and fell to 15-13 overall and 6-7 in the WAC.

"I thought it was a fairly even game, but we are not happy with getting close," Mittie said. "We are going to keep knocking on the door, and one of these days, we are going to knock it down."

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Senior left fielder Mark Hamilton swings at a pitch during the Frogs' 14-4 loss to Texas Tech on Feb. 15. The baseball team won one of three games against Lamar this weekend.

Frogs pick up first road win of season

By Rusty Simmons
STAFF REPORTER

The TCU baseball team traveled to Beaumont this weekend in search of its first road win.

The Frogs came back to Fort Worth at the end of the weekend sporting their first road win but nothing else.

TCU won one game out of a three-game series with the Lamar Cardinals this weekend. The Frogs lost the opener 10-6, won game two 3-2 and lost the finale 9-5 at Vincent-Beck Stadium.

Lamar scored the final eight runs of the series opener, rallying back from a four-run deficit Saturday to beat TCU 10-6.

The Frogs scored five runs in the first inning, including a two-run triple by senior designated hitter Shaun Wooley. But TCU's offense was silent after the opening inning, adding only a single run in the fourth inning.

"When you get a lead, you hope to string together a couple of innings," head coach Lance Brown said. "We gave them confidence, because we couldn't distance ourselves from (Lamar) by continuing to score runs."

Lamar used the confidence it gained by battling back with runs in the first and third innings, and then the Cardinals added two in the fourth inning to cut the Frogs'

lead to two runs.

The decisive inning was the sixth, when Lamar took its first lead of the game, scoring three runs in the inning with two outs. The Cardinals put the game away in the seventh inning, adding three runs.

Lamar's Chris Manning allowed only one run in his six innings of relief, while junior pitcher Chris Bradshaw (0-2) took the loss, allowing seven runs in five innings for the Frogs.

Brown said the Frogs never adjusted to Manning who threw almost strictly curve balls for his six inning stint.

Wooley had two hits and three RBIs, and senior third baseman Levi Groomer and sophomore shortstop Erick Macha added three hits each.

But Brown said the hits did not amount into runs.

"Lamar got their lead off man on base five times and scored four runs," he said. "We also got our lead off man on five times, but scored him only twice."

TCU won game two, the first game of the Sunday doubleheader, 3-2 behind two innings of shutout relief by junior Chad Durham.

The Frogs scored the game-winning run in the top of the eighth inning by moving the lead off man to third base, who then scored on a passed ball.

Senior pitcher Shawn Thompson

kept TCU in the game, pitching six innings while allowing only a pair of runs. Durham (2-1) closed the door, striking out three of the nine batters he faced to wrap up the Frogs' first road win of the season.

Brown said the Frogs' first road win of the season was tainted by the series finale.

"Anything we gained in the second game, we lost in the third," he said.

Lamar bounced back in the series finale, handing TCU a 9-5 loss sparked by a six-run rally in the sixth inning.

Junior pitcher Chris Frazier (1-2) allowed only two hits in his five and 2/3 innings, but the six-run sixth inning proved to be insurmountable for the Frogs.

"Lamar hadn't gotten a hit since the first inning, but we didn't throw strikes in the sixth," Brown said. "We basically threw the game away."

The Cardinals' J.P. Igo retired TCU's offense in order in the seventh inning to shore up the Lamar victory.

Senior left fielder Mark Hamilton drove in a pair of runs on three hits, and freshman second baseman Ramon Moses contributed two hits.

The Frogs will try to tally their second road win at 2:05 p.m. today at Dallas Baptist.

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PULSE SIDELINES

UNT lineman hospitalized after collapse at scrimmage

DALLAS (AP) — A North Texas football player who collapsed during a weekend scrimmage remained in critical condition at a Dallas hospital Monday.

Shawn Kramer, 20, suffered a neurological injury after playing the opening series with the first-team offense during a scrimmage on the Denton campus Saturday. The 6-foot-5-inch, 270-pound junior lineman didn't seem to take a hard hit, teammates said, but he collapsed after reaching the sidelines.

"Nobody really saw it," senior offensive lineman Andrew Lott said. "He walked off under his own power, then he sat down on the bench and started talking. All of a sudden, he just passed out."

Kramer, a junior college transfer from Topeka, Kan., was taken by helicopter to Methodist Medical Center of Dallas. He was moved to the hospital's Neuro Critical Care wing after surgery.

Hospital spokesman Sam Lopez said Monday he could not specify whether Kramer suffered a head, neck or spinal injury. Lopez only could confirm that the player's condition hadn't changed.

North Texas athletic officials referred all questions about Kramer's condition to the hospital but released a statement Monday.

Men's tennis team beats Texas A&M

By Chris Ray
SKIFF STAFF

The No. 15 TCU men's tennis team continued their string of victories over ranked opponents with a 4-3 win over Texas A&M University, ranked No. 18 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association.

The win marks the fourth victory over ranked opponents this spring season for the Frogs.

Head coach Michael Center said he was pleased with the effort of his squad.

"This was a really hard-fought win for us and the players should enjoy it, because A&M is a strong team," he said. "It was a great college tennis atmosphere out there and I feel the support from the fans was the difference in the match."

The Frogs took two of the three doubles matches played en route to winning the doubles point. The Horned Frog doubles team of junior Scott Eddins and freshman Jimmy Haney pulled off an upset of the No. 28 ranked duo of Shoun Madden and Dumitru Caradima.

Eddins and Haney were playing at the No. 1 doubles spot for only the second time this season. The two improve to 11-3 on the season and a perfect 2-0 at the No. 1 doubles position for the Frogs. Caradima and Madden were named All-Americans last season and held the No. 1 ranking for the majority of the 1998-99 season.

"This win meant a lot for us," Eddins said. "Caradima and Madden are good quality players that fight hard and play tough in every

single match. And that's what they did against us today in this match."

At the No. 3 doubles spot, freshman Antonio Gordon and junior Sebastian Iannariello defeated A&M's Jarin Skubel and Cody Hubbell, 8-6. The Frogs have won the doubles point six times this year.

The Frogs split the singles matches, 3-3. At the No. 1 singles position, No. 23 Esteban Carril upset No. 13 Madden, 6-4, 6-7, 6-1. In defeating Madden, Carril ended Madden's career winning streak at TCU's Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center. Madden was undefeated in Fort Worth for his career after clinching the ITA Region VI titles in 1998 and 99.

Carril improves to 15-3 on the season with the win, and will most likely advance in the ITA rankings released this week.

TCU earned victories at the No. 4 and No. 6 singles spots to earn the split. At the No. 4 singles position, Eddins defeated Caradima in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Haney defeated Juan Aramburo in a seasaw battle, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 at the No. 6 singles spot.

TCU improved to 5-1 on the season, and 2-1 in Region VI action. The Aggies drop to 2-3 on the season with the loss.

The Frogs travel to Corpus Christi this weekend to participate in the Corpus Christi Invitational.

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Tennis team wins two matches

By Chris Ray
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The TCU women's tennis team lost only a single match during the weekend, defeating North Texas and Sam Houston State, in a doubleheader Saturday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The Frogs opened the day against North Texas, defeating the Eagles 8-1, winning five of six singles matches and defaulting one match due to the illness of senior Jessica Kjellgren. Kjellgren battling a respiratory infection, lost the first set of the match 2-6 then could not continue and defaulted the match.

Senior Lucie Dvorakova defeated Siyareh Rambally 6-4, 6-2 at the No. 1 singles spot. Freshman Dorrit Hupples defeated Catherine Alain 6-1, 6-3, while senior Daria Zoldakova defeated Melissa Hodges 5-7, 6-4, 7-6.

The match marked the return of the doubles team of Zoldakova and Dvorakova. The pair, ranked No. 8 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association Polls, easily defeated the North Texas combination of Rambally and Rettenmaier 8-0. Dvorakova and Zoldakova improve to 15-2.

"The return of Daria (Zoldakova) and Lucie (Dvorakova) couldn't have come at a better time," head coach Roland Ingram said. "They dominated their matches today and we're glad to have them back as a team."

The Frogs took all three doubles matches. The tandem of Kjellgren and Weirich defeated the UNT duo of Melissa Hodges and Kristin Beedy 8-3. Hupples and freshman Debbie Bell defeated the team of Hunyh and Alain 8-3.

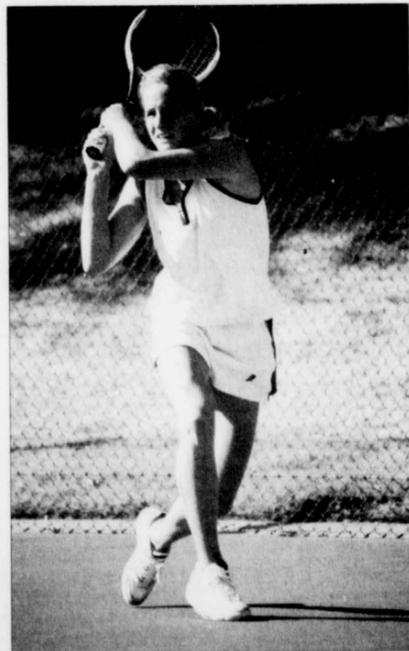
In the afternoon match, TCU shut out the Sam Houston State Bearcats. The Frogs took six singles matches, as Sam Houston defaulted the sixth match, not having enough players to play at all six seeds.

Dvorakova defeated Shari Gamarnik 6-1, 6-1. Hupples also took the win over Ivette Andrade 6-1, 6-1.

Weirich defeated Emilie Langlois 6-0, 6-2. Shackelford fought back from being down 0-6 in the first set, then came back to win 0-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Senior Stacey Sabala blanked Kristin McElligot 6-0, 6-0. Sophomore Leoni Weirich defeated Christine Hunyh 6-0, 6-2, while freshman Brenna Shackelford was victorious over Bettina Rettenmaier 6-2, 7-5.

The Frogs won both matches against the Bearcats.



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Senior Jessica Kjellgren hits a backhand in practice last week. The Lady Frog tennis team defeated both North Texas and Sam Houston State this weekend at Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center.

The team of Dvorakova and Zoldakova defeated the team of Gamarnik and Emilie Langlois 8-4, and the team of Hupples and Bell defeated Ivette Andrade and Robyn Bassett 8-2.

TCU returns to action at 2 p.m. Friday at the Bayard H. Friedman Tennis Center, against Central Florida. The Frogs will host to Texas A&M at 2 p.m. Saturday.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

TCU student finds success inside, outside of ring

By Matt Welnick
SPORTS EDITOR

Some say he's crazy, and he shouldn't do it. Some say he has the talent to make it. Jason Thomas said he just wants to get some sleep.

Thomas, a junior psychology major from Roswell, N.M., spends about 30 hours a week training for the Golden Gloves Tournament for amateur boxers. He won the regional tournament Saturday in the John Justin Arena at the Will Rogers Memorial Center against Juan Zambrano, a teammate and sparring partner, in three rounds.

"The road to the title is through me, whether I'm the road or I'm the gate," Thomas said. "Somebody is going to have to beat me to get to it."

The road to the state championship for Thomas has been a long journey, complete with potholes and exit ramps. His journey started before his freshman year and his destination is winning the state championship, which will be held Wednesday through Saturday at Will Rogers.

"The competition is going to get tougher," Thomas said. "I'm starting to get butterflies again."

But, Thomas is also a successful student and is very involved outside of the classroom. He is an honor student with a 3.91 GPA, one of nine government scholarship candidates in Texas, a volunteer at Cook Children's Medical Center and a co-author of a research paper for a federally-funded project.

Gary Boehm, an assistant professor of psychology, said he would prefer that Thomas not seek a career in boxing.

"I told him, in reality, unless he can earn a lot of money, he may want to reconsider his involvement in this sport," said Boehm, who taught Thomas in a neuroscience class. "I'll support him, but if he were my son, I would prefer that he do something else."

Thomas said he does not seek a career in boxing, but he enjoys the challenge of doing something new.

"I do it because I'm not very good at it," Thomas said. "I have to examine myself because it is a challenge. I have to search and find out who I am. You have to discipline yourself when you get in the ring. I love the physical challenge."

Brad Wolfe, Thomas' cousin and a sophomore business major, said Thomas enjoys the challenge, and it is a good example of his character. "He's determined and he always wants to challenge himself," Wolfe said. "All of our family doesn't know why he does it, he is (just being) Jason."

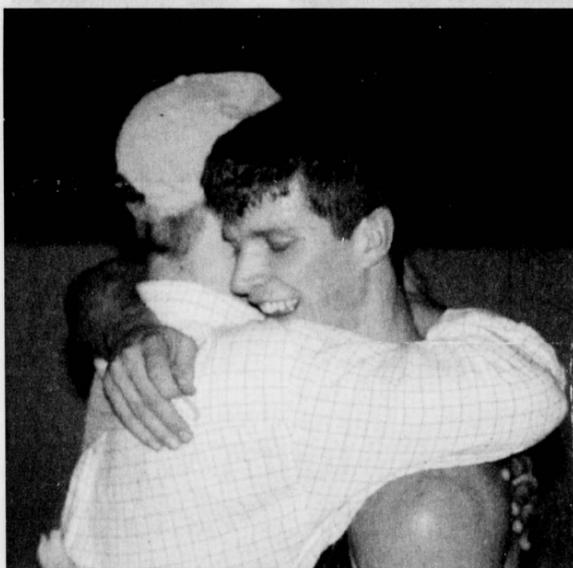
Thomas' boxing career started during his senior year in high school when he received an appointment to attend the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Thomas started to train for boxing because all West Point cadets are required to box.

However, Thomas' appointment was revoked due to asthma, so he came to TCU to study psychology and to pursue a career in the FBI. But Thomas stuck with boxing. He met Jay Strickland, a Golden Gloves boxing legend and coach.

Strickland coached Thomas in Fort Worth for three years. A



Jason Thomas (left) squares off against his teammate, Juan Zambrano, in the final bout of the Golden Gloves Regional tournament on Saturday. Thomas, who won the fight in three rounds, will compete for the state championship this week at Will Rogers Memorial Center.



Junior psychology major Jason Thomas (right) hugs his cousin, sophomore business major Brad Wolfe after winning the Golden Gloves Regional tournament Saturday at Will Rogers Memorial Center.

friendship developed over time and Thomas won the Golden Gloves regional tournament last year in the novice light-heavyweight division. Under Golden Gloves rules, however, Thomas could not compete in the state tournament because he was not fighting in the open class.

"When you go out and win a title, it says a lot about that person," Strickland said. "It takes a lot for a TCU student to come up here and fight."

Strickland had to move his boxing club to Arlington, which made

it difficult for Thomas to continue training with him. Thomas started to work out at the Golden Gloves Youth Center in Fort Worth. The time came for Thomas to make a decision on where and with whom he was going to train.

In an emotional decision for both Thomas and Strickland, he chose to train with Joe Guzman and Alvin Pryor at the Golden Gloves Youth Center.

"I'm a little disappointed that he changed teams," Strickland said. "Jason's dedicated, and he works

hard. He has a lot of ability. My goal for him was to be my first champion. He's my friend, and I care about him"

Thomas has been training at the Golden Gloves Youth Center for about three months under the tutelage of Guzman and Pryor. Both coaches said Thomas has the ability to be the state champion.

"Jason's a great guy, and you can't ask for anything more from a boxer," Guzman said. "He has got the potential, and it all comes from the heart."

Guzman said Thomas has had to adjust to different training styles. He said Thomas is physically ready, and it is their job to make him mentally ready.

In Thomas' first fight in this year's regional tournament, he had to face Michael Johnson, one of Strickland's fighters. Thomas defeated Johnson in three rounds to move on. In the championship fight, Thomas had to go against Zambrano, his sparring partner at the youth center.

"I really didn't like fighting my teammate," Thomas said. "I could tell he was getting frustrated. I just did what I had to do to go home."

All of this comes on top of schoolwork and extracurricular activities, which Thomas said is his top priority. The number of activities that Thomas is involved with reads like a shopping list for a family of five. It's long.

Thomas is one of nine finalists for the Truman scholarship, a \$30,000 post-graduate, government-

funded award given to a person that seeks a career in the public service area. Thomas said if he is awarded the scholarship, he will apply it toward a law degree. He said he wants to have a career in the FBI and be a part of the Hostage Rescue Team.

During Spring Break, a time when many students head to the beaches or take time to relax and forget about school, Thomas and three other students will go to Honduras on a mission trip that he helped plan.

They will backpack through roads made impassible because of hurricane damage, and they will stay with people in a village. During their time in Honduras, the group of four will work on churches and schools for the village.

"That's the way I spend all of my spring breaks," Thomas said. "This one is more intense, it raises the odds. It combines adventure and service all in one."

Thomas is also part of a research group that includes TCU professor Donald Dansereau and researcher Tiffany Sais. The group is writing a paper on a study they conducted in the fall semester. The project, which is funded by the National Institute for Drug Abuse, examines the link among cognition, self-efficacy and self-esteem.

The activities don't seem to quit for Thomas. His schedule for the upcoming week is already filled. The state finals are on March 4, a Neiman Marcus Fashion Show, put on by the Alpha Chi sorority, is on March 5 and then on March 6

"He has got the potential, and it all comes from the heart."

— Joe Guzman, boxing coach

Tale of the Tape

Jason Thomas

- Major/Classification: junior psychology major
- Hometown: Roswell, New Mexico
- Son of Ben and Valarie Thomas
- Height: 5 feet 11 inches
- Weight: 163 pounds
- Right-handed
- Record: 7-2, 0 KOs, undefeated in Olympic-level competition
- Tournaments won: Golden Gloves Regional tournament (1999), Golden Gloves Regional tournament (2000), Golden Gloves Smoker (1998)

Thomas will fly to Phoenix, Ariz., for his Truman scholarship interview.

Thomas' plans for the summer will take him to Russia where he will study Russian history and United States history from a world perspective at the Moscow State University.

"It's been a struggle and a juggling act," Thomas said. "It's just one more piece of fruit for the plate, and it's all coming to a head."

Throughout all of his activities, Thomas said his faith and spirituality keep him focused. Before fights, while other boxers listen to heavy metal and rap music, Thomas said he listens to Christian music to prepare himself.

"The spiritual aspect is very key," he said. "That's how I start to get focused and prepared."

Wolfe said Thomas does a good job of staying on track with everything.

"I think that he does a good job of balancing all his activities and keeping his priorities straight," he said. "I think the West Point thing is the best thing that could have happened to Jason. He has taken full advantage of his time at TCU."

Thomas' coaches said they also see the dedication in their boxer. "He's a pretty dedicated kid who knows what he wants," Pryor said. "He has his sights set high."

Thomas said he has one goal set for himself and those around him. "I want to make everybody around me ask 'What's next?'" he said.

What's next for Thomas is a journey with an unknown destination.

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Porter admits to NCAA infraction, hopes to play Wednesday

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AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn forward Chris Porter admitted taking \$2,500 from a sports agent, a confession his coach hopes will lead the NCAA to quickly reinstate the star player.

"Chris has admitted to a mistake. He has been honest and forthcoming," coach Cliff Ellis said Monday. "I'm now hoping honesty prevails and Chris will be allowed back on the court."

Porter, a preseason All-America selection, was suspended Sunday before the 19th-ranked Tigers played No. 8 Florida after school of-

ficials learned of the infraction. Porter returned to Auburn and admitted to school and Southeastern Conference officials that he had indeed accepted money.

Two sources familiar with the case, speaking to the AP on condition of anonymity, said Monday that Porter needed money to prevent his mother from being evicted from her rural south Alabama home. Porter's mother, Emily, refused to comment on the situation when reached at her home in Abbeville, a town of about 3,000 located approximately 100 miles south of Auburn.

Ellis would not directly confirm that.

"I know that Chris had been distraught over what seemingly had been a family matter," Ellis said. "And last Thursday he was allowed to go home to Abbeville to attend to a family concern."

Porter was not allowed to practice with the Tigers on Monday, but Ellis said the player attended classes. Porter did not respond to a request for comment made through Auburn sports officials and his telephone number is unpublished.

Porter has two 2-year-old sons who live in Abbeville and in an interview with the AP in October said his mother often cares for them. But in the same interview, Porter said he

passed up entering the NBA draft last year partly because he wanted to help Auburn reach the Final Four and partly to set an example for his sons by graduating from college.

Porter is on track to graduate this summer with a degree in criminal justice. He is averaging 14.6 points and 7.3 rebounds.

He came to Auburn from Chipola (Fla.) Junior College last season and helped the Tigers to a 29-4 record, their first Southeastern Conference regular-season title since 1960 and their first NCAA tournament in 11 seasons.

But since deciding to return to school, Ellis said it has been difficult

to keep agents and their representatives away from him.

Team officials had to chase "suspicious people" out of the hotel lobby earlier this month in Baton Rouge, La., and have resorted to using fake names for Porter, center Mamadou N'diaye and guard Doc Robinson when checking into hotels, Ellis said.

"I am sick of people who prey on young people and hit them at a weak moment," Ellis said.

Porter said in October that he has few friends in Auburn and was careful who he associated with. Faced with a financial crisis, Ellis said it would be hard for Porter to figure

out who to turn to. He reportedly told Auburn officials he didn't know the man he accepted money from was a sports agent.

"If you are put in a situation, you can't turn to a coach, you can't turn to a booster, so sometimes in a weak moment you fall prey," Ellis said.

Auburn learned of the infraction Saturday while in Gainesville, Fla. School officials immediately sent Porter back to Auburn to talk with university and Southeastern Conference officials. SEC commissioner Roy Kramer is helping the school complete its investigation so that a report can be presented to the NCAA.